

Fingal Township Plan



During the development of Council's Strategic Plan Council advised townships that we would come back and talk to our communities about what they saw as important for the future and how Council could work with them to develop these ideas.

On Wednesday 11th April, 2018 we held a "drop in session" at Fingal where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure
- Tourism
- Other issues

This Township Plan will take into account Fingal's future addressing issues around community needs.

Results and emerging issues from the drop in session:

Common themes that arose from this session were the need for upgrading their streetscape and the need for a heritage trail.

Other themes that arose were:

- Heritage tourism trail; and
- Better signage.

The township plan will address:

- Protecting and enhancing the environmental values of Fingal;
- Ensuring there are enough community facilities to service Fingal’s future needs; and
- Supporting tourism.

Action List

Action	Who
1. Release of land for building 1.1. A review to be undertaken to assess the supply and demand re residential sites	Council
2. Unsightly buildings 2.1. To assess each building as identified and assess building in accordance with current Legislation	Council
3. Vegetation issues 3.1. In recognition of limited resources Council has adopted “green zone” maps which show the nature strips that are mown regularly. The back streets of Fingal (referred to as Fingal rural living blocks) may be slashed a maximum of twice per year according to Policy. 3.2. Identify properties that may need to be abated within the town centre 3.3. Council does not have a tree replacement program at present however Council has expressed a desire for the development of such a program and it is hoped this can be prepared in 2018/2019. The specific Fingal Recreation Ground trees have also not yet been considered but there replacement can be reviewed by management in the coming months.	Council Council Council
4. Council owned infrastructure 4.1. Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House – re-paint – project to be costed and programmed to be undertaken 4.2. Construct handrails at front steps of building – project to costed - Heritage Tasmania to be consulted in design of same 4.3. There is an overall Masterplan for this building and works are being budgeted for in future budgets 4.4. Consult with the community prior to any demolition of the existing toilet block at the Fingal Recreation Ground	Council Council Council Council/ Community

5. Bike track – Fingal to St Marys	
5.1. To develop conceptual plan and cost same	Council
6. Streetscape	
6.1. Council to investigate the need to upgrade street lighting and cost same if required	Council
6.2. Work with the community in relation to design of township signage and cost same once agreed upon	Council/ Community
6.3. Stage 2 Streetscape in front of Fingal Park to be budgeted for in 2018-2019 Capital Budget	Council
6.4. Investigate the need and location for parking of large vehicles	Council
6.5. Consult with State Growth re installation of medium strips to slow traffic through main street and beautify same as well as providing safety measures for pedestrians	Council/State Growth
6.6. Work with TasWater to repair water pipes so that footpath in Talbot Street can be repaired	Council/TasWater
6.7. Council to renew line marking identifying Stop and Give Way Signs	Council
7. Signage	
7.1. Update signage at Fingal Park including the Tourism mushroom & local cemeteries	Council/Community
7.2. Develop a historic walk and install plaques which “tell the story”	Council/Community
8. Tourism	
8.1. Work with Greater Esk Tourism and Community to organise a steam engine trip to Fingal	Council/GET/ Community
8.2. Work with PWS to ensure that roads and trails under their control are to a standard suitable for visitors all year round	

Reporting back to the Community:

Council will provide a quarterly newsletter and arrange community meetings which will advise of progress of actions listed above and any additional items that have been listed for comment/action.

Any correspondence to Council in relation to these plans to be forwarded to admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

The Fingal Township Plan has a term of two (2) years – after this period, the action list will be reviewed.

Adopted by Council on Monday 20 August, 2018

